

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL**  
**2013 - 2014 Grant Projects**

Agency / Grant Title [Program Year]	Funds	Counties Served	Program Description
<i><b>EMPLOYMENT</b></i>			
Center for Disability Resources, Department of Pediatrics, USC School of Medicine S.C. Transition and Employment Advancement Model (SC-TEAM) [2]	\$85,227	Greenville, York, TBD (pilot school)	SC-Team is building on information and resources collected in Year 1, when focus was to identify a high school with a sound and data-based transition program resulting in jobs for youth and young adults with ID/DD. In Year 2, meaningful, functional self-guided instruction materials and practical tools (i.e., Replication Models) will be developed and pilot tested in one high school.
Community Options Inc. A Community Options STEP for South Carolina [1]	\$50,000	Lexington, Richland	Community Options already has STEP (School To Employment Programs) in other states. The program will be new to South Carolina, where a pilot site will be initiated in Columbia. STEP is an innovative job training and transition program for high school students and young adults who have special needs.
York School District One Students + Job Coach = Job Success [1]	\$33,283	York	This program will improve job readiness for students with disabilities and improve relationships with area businesses and industries to provide employment opportunities for them. Job shadowing and internships are two approaches that will be used. York One has smaller enrollment than the other three districts in York County, but is the most rural with the lowest assessed property values.
Project Hope Foundation Inc. Virtual Hope [1]	\$39,982	Greenville, Spartanburg	Virtual Hope aims to improve employment opportunities for students with autism spectrum disorders. The program will collaborate with two public charter high schools to provide these students with a computer-based curriculum in a supportive classroom environment. The students will obtain not just job skills but the life skills they need. Each will have three job experiences during the year, including work activities at a job site and interactions with worksite personnel.
SOS Health Care Inc. Consignment Shop, Job Training & Day Center [1]	\$56,500	Horry, Georgetown	A consignment store business will be developed for individuals served by the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs in Horry County, as well as individuals referred through another agency. The hiring of a job coach is anticipated. It is hoped that acquisition of job skills through the consignment store will lead to other employment for the individuals who participate.

<b>COMMUNITY SUPPORTS</b>			
Family Connection of S.C. Inc. Wait List Support Project [2]	\$34,064	Berkeley, Chesterfield, Dorchester, Orangeburg, Pickens	Families will have an increased knowledge of resources and support services for their family members, a better sense of community and connection and feel some relief from their care giving roles. Families will participate in a one-on-one discussion on community and statewide resources and children and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities will have supervised fun with activities and entertainment through participation in a respite event.
Arc of South Carolina Rec-Connect and ArcWorks [1]	\$37,880	Statewide	Arc will provide supports to individuals with disabilities with art activities and monthly social group outings across the state. Both activities will provide respite for parents and other caregivers, as well as improved social skills, meaningful friendships, shared experiences, greater self-confidence, and a sense of worth and belonging for the young people and adults who participate.
Project HOPE Foundation Extended Hope [1]	\$40,000	Greenville, Spartanburg	The focus of Extended Hope will be on building socialization skills for children, youth and adults with autism spectrum disorders. Both one-on-one and group methods will be used. There will be an opportunity to practice learned skills in real life settings. Activities will include classes, social groups, community outings, partnering with peers, art classes, and dog training classes.
<b>HEALTH</b>			
USC Department of Psychology Autism Diagnostic Services [3]	\$28,490	Richland Lexington Fairfield	Autism Diagnostic Services provides a clinic where children are evaluated for possible autism. The program also trains future psychologists to meet a shortage of professionals who are skilled in autism diagnosis. Referrals are made when needed. In its final year with DD Council funding, the program will build on experience gained so far and work to sustain the services into the future with fees and other grant funding.
Lander University Equestrian Center Awareness of and Opportunities for Equine-Assisted Activities and Therapies [2]	\$13,065	Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens	This program increases the number of individuals with disabilities who receive equine-assisted therapy (therapeutic horseback riding) and who ride horses for recreation. Children and adults with disabilities participate, including students from local special education school programs. The Burton Center is a partner in the program, providing consumers who participate and the property where facilities are located.
The Therapy Place Bridges at The Therapy Place [1]	\$30,600	Lexington, Richland, York	Bridges is an innovative and holistic approach to therapy that combines physical, occupational and speech therapy with special education methods. The program helps children with developmental delays to gain independence through improved mobility, social skills, and daily living skills. Local college students serve as interns. A minimum of 40 children will be served.

Babcock Center Everybody Talks [1]	\$39,600	Lexington, Richland	Augmentative communication systems will be used to improve the communication skills of 10 adults with developmental disabilities. This will lead to improved socialization skills and greater ability to participate within their communities. There will be thorough evaluation of communication needs, followed by intensive training and follow-up with participants and their caregivers.
York County Adult Day Care Services Move to Wellness [2]	\$25,614	Chester, Lancaster, York	Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities frequently get little exercise and can prefer foods with little nutritional value. Move to Wellness is an exercise and nutrition awareness program for them. It is based at a day program, but family and other caregivers are encouraged promote healthful eating and physical activity for the participants while they are at home. A registered nurse manages the program.
Bamberg County DSN Board Promoting Better Eating and Exercise [2]	\$27,700	Bamberg County	Employees of the Bamberg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board are promoting more healthful lifestyles for their consumers through nutrition, exercise, and stress management training and practice. Organic gardens are cultivated at several residences and the board's office. Consumers' families also are learning about nutrition and exercise. The program has several partners throughout the county.
Brain Injury Association of South Carolina South Carolina Concussion Education Initiative	\$35,846	Statewide	One-year project to support schools, recreation departments and other organizations in brain concussion education and policy development. A one-day conference will be held for school professionals on concussion identification, symptoms, management, and return to classroom guidelines.

Laurens Co. Disabilities and Special Needs Board Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles [1]	\$21,375	Laurens	This initiative will educate consumers about the importance of eating healthful foods and being active. Maintaining healthy habits reduces and even eliminates secondary conditions such as obesity, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, and diabetes. These conditions are more common within the population of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities than they are in the public at large.
Parents Reaching Out to Parents of SC Inc. (PRO-Parents) Take Control: SC Life Improvement Programs for Individuals w/Intellectual Disability & Arthritis [2]	\$25,951	Statewide	Adults with intellectual disabilities and arthritis are being enrolled in four SC Arthritis Life Improvement Programs and the Steps to Your Health program. The project is also engaging in statewide data collection and program evaluation to determine if there is improvement in one or more dimensions of the four SC Arthritis Life Improvement Programs in individuals with intellectual and other disabilities.
Arc of South Carolina Inc. Walk This Way	\$47,160	Charleston, Greenville, Horry, Richland, Spartanburg, York	Community based walking groups will be established to increase social supports for individuals with ID/DD who want to improve their health and activity habits. Companionship, encouragement and support will increase awareness about the benefits of exercise and bolster self-confidence as participants become more active. Overall fitness is expected to improve as levels of activity increase.

<b><i>SELF-ADVOCACY</i></b>			
Parents Reaching Out to Parents of SC (PRO-Parents) Partners in Policymaking™ [Ongoing]	\$85,227	Statewide	Partners in Policymaking™ provides grassroots leadership training for parents of children with disabilities as well as adults with developmental disabilities. The goal is to empower the participants to become strong advocates – not only so they can change their own lives, but to become leaders and effective advocates for disabilities systems change on local, state and national levels.
Parents Reaching Out to Parents of SC (PRO-Parents) Youth Leadership Forum [Ongoing]	\$10,650	Statewide	A three-day summer program for youth with disabilities to build or strengthen their self-advocacy skills, self-confidence, and leadership skills for the purpose of remaining in school, graduating, obtaining post-secondary education and – ultimately – to obtain employment that meets their maximum potential.
Center for Disability Resources, Department of Pediatrics, USC School of Medicine IMPACT SC Self-Advocacy Initiatives [Ongoing]	\$21, 556	Statewide	The IMPACT SC Self-Advocacy group explores and approves initiatives to enhance self-advocacy in South Carolina. These may include purchase of materials; attendance at conferences or training sessions, either in or out of state; or by selecting speakers to present on topics identified as critical to successful self-advocacy.
National Youth Leadership Network (NYLN) Self-Advocacy in SC: Power in Numbers [1]	\$40,000	Statewide	This partnership with the NYLN will teach young leaders to advocate for themselves and equip the larger disability community to work toward full inclusion. There will be three facets of the program: Create a state self-advocacy team with NYLN as a partner; create a partnership of state and community allies; and create a sustainability model.